

Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, March 6, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO MRS. JACKSON.

Washington, March 6, 1824.

My Dear wife. My health continues much better than I had aright to expect, taking into view the labour I have necessarily to undergo. I have seen Mrs. Watson and family today who all Join in a tender of their affectionate regard to you. I recd a letter yesterday with a request when I wrote you, to convay to you the kind respects of Mr and Mrs. Ely¹ and Mrs Carswell

¹ See p. 223, note.

The subject of Mr Elys letter was to invite me again to vissit the City of Philadelphia and to make his house, whilst there, my home, with a threat from the ladies that If I did not, when they vissit Tennessee they cannot think of going to my house. His letter is a very friendly one, and should I return that way I do not know how I can help going to his house; This with such a cavalcade as I must have about me, whilst in the city, is too much to impose upon a private family. This altho in my letter to him I have pointed out, still he insists is not a sufficient excuse. I would to god I could say to you with certainty at what time I could leave this city; as yet I cannot. There is one thing I can say, that I will leave it the earliest moment I can with propriety; Untill I unite with you I pray god that he may take you and our little fellows, with all the family in his holy keeping.

your affectionate husband

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P. S. my respects to all friends.